

Joint Chiefs' Initiative for the South Fork Trinity River and Upper Mad River Fiscal Year 2017 Application Screening Worksheet <u>A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible EQIP application.</u>		
Applicant Name:		
Evaluator Name:		
Date:	Batching Number:	Application No:
<p>EQIP is a competitive financial assistance program and applications are screened and ranked based on the expected conservation benefits of planned practices in the EQIP schedule of operations. This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible applicant applying for financial assistance. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; however, application batching periods are established for purposes of ranking and funding decisions. A screening worksheet can be processed for each application batching period. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP program benefits are managed efficiently to address priority conservation needs. Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute an agreement to provide EQIP program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP program file and unless the application is determined to be ineligible, the screening priority (High, Medium, and Low) must be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant.</p>		
Screening Criteria Questions	Yes/No	Action
The applicant has reviewed and approved the EQIP schedule of operations that will be uploaded to the NRCS business tool, ProTracts, before or by the ranking deadline.		If Yes, continue to the next question. If No, Low Priority Status in ProTracts.
In the last two EQIP program fiscal years, the applicant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had a NRCS contract terminated – and/or, • Failed to implement contract items in an existing EQIP contract according to the schedule in Form, NRCS-CPA-1155, "Conservation Plan and Schedule of Operations," and the contract was modified to reschedule contract items - installation delays were not due to NRCS error or design delay – and/or, • Failed to implement rescheduled contract items agreed to according to Form, NRCS-CPA-153, "Agreement Covering Non-Compliance with Provisions of Contract," and Form, NRCS-CPA-1156, "Revision of Plan/Schedule of Operations or Modification of a Contract," – and/or, • Installed conservation practices with financial assistance from NRCS that have not been maintained according to the practice operations and maintenance for the practice lifespan. 		If Yes, Low Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.
Conservation practices in the EQIP schedule of operations will result in fuels management within the boundaries of the Trinity Community Protection and Landscape Restoration Project.		If Yes, continue to the next question. If No, Low Priority Status in ProTracts.
Conservation practices in the EQIP schedule of operations will be implemented on land adjacent to one of the following project areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lamb Gap community Protection Project • Westside Plantation Thin Project • Roads & Plantations Pilot Project • Beaver Slide Project • Mad Ridge Fuel Breaks Project • Stafford Fire Project • Kelsey Peak Project 		If Yes, continue to the next question. If No, continue to Section B.

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The EQIP schedule of operations is for a conservation activity plan, 106 - Forest Management Plan (FMP).			If Yes, High Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.
Conservation practices in the EQIP schedule of operations will be implemented on land adjacent to an <u>existing</u> fuel break.			If Yes, High Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.
Conservation practices in the EQIP schedule of operations will be implemented on land adjacent to a <u>planned</u> fuel break.			If Yes, continue to Section A . If No, continue to Section B .
Section A			
The <u>planned</u> fuel break will be established on privately owned land.			If Yes, High Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.
The planned fuel break will be established on USFS land and the NEPA analysis is either in-progress or completed in the past 5 years.			If Yes, High Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, Low Priority Status in ProTracts.
Section B			
The EQIP schedule of operations is for a conservation activity plan, 106 - Forest Management Plan (FMP).			If Yes, Medium Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.
Conservation practices included in the EQIP schedule of operations will contribute to landscape-level fire management or alter landscape-level fire behavior.			If Yes, Medium Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, Low Priority Status in ProTracts.
Application Screening Priority:			
Designated Conservationist Approval Signature:		Date Approved:	